ASSERTS BANK NOT INNOCENT

Lincoln, Neb., April 7. (Special)-W. R. Mansfield of Burt county was in supreme court today asking for a judgment against the Farmers State bank of Craig to replace the one against him that the bank secured. Mansfield was one of a number of farmers who claim they were induced to buy the worthless stock of the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company by Everett J. Martin. Mansfield got a judgment against Martin, on the ground that he made false representations as to his ownership of stock and of the reliability of the company, and now seeks to hold the bank on the theory that as the bank is run by Martin, his wife and his father, what Martin did and knew was the act and knowledge of the bank itself.

MANY MOVING OFF OF FARM

Tenant Farmers Uoing Into Towns To Seek Employment

Columbus, Neb., April ' (Special) -This spring is seeing one of the most remarkable cityward movements that has been experienced in many years. Tenant farmers are coming to the county seat towns in the hope of finding employment.

In Columbus, unemployment will be aided through the spring and summer months by the construction of homes and the building of the new high school. At the present time it is estimated that there are more than 70 new houses in course of construction or about to be started. There is very little sign of building improvements on farms.

More girls and young men from the farms are looking for jobs this spring than usual. Employment bureaus, such as the one maintained by the chamber of commerce here, are finding less demand for help this spring. Most of the young men and women are looking for common labor or employment as domestics. That many of them are low on funds is shown by the fact that men and women want to find a place in Columbus where they could sell or obtain loans on jewelry. There are no pawnshops here and Columbus is the only town of its size in the United States without one.

CRYSTAL BALL TO UNRAVEL TRAGEDY.

Lincoln, Neb., April (Special)-The real murderer of Frank Pahl will be known within two weeks Warden Fenton was told over the telephone today. The party at the other end was the mysterious woman who called up the governor some days ago to tell him she had looked in the crystal ball, and it told her Walter Simmons was not the man.

"I have been looking into my ball again," she told the warden. "I can see into the future. I saw a skeleton getting out of an automobile. It was the skeleton of the man who murdered Frank Pahl and it was not Simmons. In two weeks all will be known. Then the truth will be told the real murderer revealed and Simmons exonerated."

FORMER BANKER IS BEHIND PRISON BARS.

Lincoln, Neb., April (I. N. S.)-P. E. Nelson, former president of the Thedford State bank is expected to arrive here some time today or tomorrow to begin serving a one to 5 year sentence in the state penitentiary. Nelson entered a plea of guilty at Thedford to charges of falsifying reports to the state banking department. Nelson was returned to Nebraska after a sensational flight to Tucumcari, New Mexico and would have reached the Mexican border if he had not attempted to communicate with his family in Nebraska.

Sheriff Scott and County Attorney Evans of Thomas county went to New Mexico to bring Nelson back to Thedford to face prosecution.

PIONEER WOMAN OF WAYNE COUNTY DEAD.

Wayne, Neb., April ' (Special)-Mrs. Maria Fox, 97 years old died at the home of her son, Wednesday. Mrs. Fox came to Wayne county in 1875. She was a widow at that time and came west with six children, who were all boys. Since coming to Nebraska, four of the children died. The survivors are W. R. Fox, of Randolph, and S. C. Fox, of Wayne.

NELIGH, NEB., COUPLE

WEDDED 56 YEARS AGO Neligh, Neb., April (Special) -E. W. Wright and wife or this city celebrated their fifty-sixth anniversary, Tuesday, April 23. Mr. Wright is nearly 82 years old, and Mrs. Wright is 75 years old. Mr. Wright is a Civil war veteran.

RUN OVER BY STALK CUTTER AND KILLED

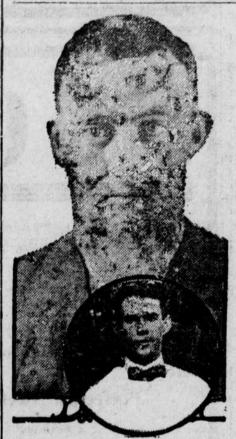
Broken, Bow, Neb., April Charles Vansant, 60, farmer of near Ansley, Neb., was instantly killed when the team attached to a corn stalk cutter he was operating, ran away, throwing him onto the knives. When found, Vansant's body was wrapped around the cutting apparatus of the machine, his head was crushed and one arm was almost torn from its socket.

SLAYER MUST DIE IN CHAIR

Walter Simmons Denied Commutation of Sentence By Nebraska Board

Lincoln, Neb., April (I. N. S.)-Walter Ray Simmons must die on the electric chair.

This was definitely determined today when the board of pardons and paroles of Nebraska refused to grant Simmons' appeal for a commutation of sentence. The condemned man



Walter Roy Simmons and (insert) For Whose Murder He Frank Pahl, Must Die.

will go to the electric chair May 13. Simmons was sentenced to die for the murder of Frank Pahl in Boyd county. He has steadfastly maintained his innocence and his story has gained wide credence. At the first hearing of the present appeal over 300 signatures were presented from Boyd county residents asking that his request for commutation be granted.

The decision today was the culmination of a series of legal assaults upon the capital punishment decree passed upon Simmons by the district court and affirmed by the Nebraska supreme court.

William S. Gilbert of Trenton, N. J., will act as executioner. When adised that the state board of pardons and paroles had refused to grant his plea for commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment, Simmons said, "I have nothing

CORN GROWERS HAVE SUCCESS

North Platte, Neb., April . (I. N. S.)-Indications were today that the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, an offspring of the Iowa Corn Growers' association, has had a profound influence upon the amount of corn held by farmers of the state. The association hopes to fix the price of corn and ultimately other grain by organized control of the supply Farmers would be expected to hold their corn crop until the price reached a "reasonable" basis, any where from 75 cents to a dollar a bushel.

When the desired price was reached selling would be general until a lessened demand automatically brought a reduction in price.

Various reports from the state show that farmers in some sections are holding as much as one third more corn this year than they were a year ago. Farmers of Madison county and in the northeastern part of the state generally have forced feeders in that district to pay as high as 75 cents a ushel for their corn.

THEFT OF BULL CALF DENIED

Lincoln, Neb., April (Special)-George Farrin, a Keya Paha county ranchman, is asking the supreme court to reverse a conviction on a charge of having stolen a red bull calf three months old from a neighbor. Farrin got from one to ten years in prison. He says that he does not know whether the buil calf he is charged with stealing belonged to the neighbor, Mr. Wood, or himself. He said that all bull calves look alike, that each of them had had born to them about the same time a bull calf. and that one of them got lost. He says that even if this calf is Wood's the intent to steal, which is an essential element of every crime, is ab-

PONCA GIRL GIVEN

NEBRASKA SCHOLARSHIP Ponca, Neb., April , (Special)-Miss Lucille B'ecker or this place, has been awarded a scholarship by the Nebraska Association of colleges for high grade scholastic work. Miss Blecker had an average of \$4.77 for the four years of work. The scholarship pays \$100 tuition in any college of the state except the state schools.

SOFT FOR THIS JANITOR
A bank in Moline, Ill., has a fiveroom bungalow on top of its six-story
building for the use of the janitor and

ASK REHEARING OF BREAD CASE

Attorney General of Nebraska Still Believes Law Is Constitutional

Lincoln, Neb., April .. (Special)-Attorney General Spillman says the Nebraska pound loaf of bread law, which the United States supreme court recently declared to be unconstitutional and inoperative, is entitled to another hearing.

"Justice Brandeis of the court has held with the state in the enactment," said the attorney general. "I think his dissenting opinion fully answers the majority opinion, which holds the Nebraska law illegal. I still have faith in the high court of the land, and we are going to see if we can get the court to change its decision. We have decided to file a motion for a rehearing just as soon as a motion can be prepared."

The court declared the law unconstitutional mainly because it contains maximum weights, which must not be exceeded. Justice Brandels, Attorney General Spillman asserts, said in his dissenting opinion that the excess weight must be limited because the overweight loaf becomes a good instrument for fraud.

The court decision has not taken effect, and the law is still being enforced by the state department of

INSURANCE MEN ENTER PROTEST

Separation of Agencies Demanded by Two Big Associations Not Liked

Lincoln, Neb., April (Special)-Fire insurance agents have taken their protest against the separation of agencies that the two big national asociations of companies are seeking to enforce in Nebraska to the attorney general to see if he can stop it. The Western Union, composed of most of the larger companies, objects to any agent representing Western Bureau or non-affiliated companies, because these latter pay higher commissions on some lines on the ground that this means he will give the greater part of his business where he gets the most commission. Its field men are now giving agencies that have all three or any two of the groups represented in them to choose between the union companies or the others. This will disrupt a number of agencies, it is claimed.

T. J. McGuire, assistant attorney general, is now looking the matter up. One law in Nebraska probibits any combination or agreement of companies to do anything that interferes with the business of fire insurance in the state and the question is whether this goes beyond rates and commissions.

LEGION POST TO

BUILD PAVILION Bloomfield, Neb., April - (Special)—The local post of the American Legion, at a recent meeting voted to build a new pavilion on the fair grounds. Now that the location has been definitely decided upon, active work will commence immediately. Joe Gillespie resigned his office as post adjutant and Clyde Gentzler was elected to fill the vacancy. The matter of Memorial Day observance was taken up and Ferd Boysen was chosen as a committee of one to meet with respresentatives from the Women's Auxiliary and the W. R. C. to make necessary arrangements.

HOLT COUNTY MAN CHAMP CROW KILLER

O'Neill, Neb., April - - (Special)-O'Neill claims the single shot crow killing championship of Nebraska for Lawrence Murray of Holt county. Mr. Murrary, who resides on Eagle creek north of O'Neill, killed thirteen crows at one shot, firing into them as they were arising from the roost. Five others were fatally wounded by the same shot.

DEMOCRATS OF WAYNE

COUNTY MEET THURSDAY. Wayne, Neb., April (Special)-The democratic county convention will be heard here Thursday, April 24. The meetings will be held in the county courthouse and delegates will be named for the state convention to be held at Omaha, May 1.

STATE REFORMATORY

HAS WAITING LIST. Lincoln, Neb., April : (Special)-The state reformatory for men, located near Lincoln, is filled to overflowing, and a man brought here from Seward county, convicted of breaking into an armory and stealing guns, was turned back by Superintendent Miller. There are 15 or 16 men on the waiting list, the superintendent said. and they must come first, just as soon as room can be made for them. Furthermore, the superintendent declared, the Seward county man, Glenn Soss, is not a first offender, and he questioned whether the reformatory was the proper place for him.

CASE OF SMALLPOX

IN STATE REFORMATORY.

Lincoln, Neb., April -A case diagnosed as smallpox has been discovered at the state reformatory for men near Lincoln, according to a report rade by Dr. B. A. Kinkie, house physician at the institution, to Superintendent Miller, James M. Phillips, 22 years old, who broke ou! of jail in Furnas county, recaptured and sent to the . formatory, is the afflicted man.

ASK U.S. AID **AGAINST FIRES**

Committee Devises Methods to Prevent Heavy Timber Losses

Madison, Wis .- A program for intensive research as to means of controlling forest fires has been announced by a committee of federal administration and research foresters, meeting in connection with the Forest Product's laboratory here.

The committee report stresses paramount importance of co-operation of weather forecasters in determining "fire weathers conditions," and aiding in control of fires by designating areas to which the fire is most likely to spread.

Methods have been devised, according to the committee, of accurately designating areas where greatest care must be taken to prevent fires. The report also recommends study of lightning storms, held responsible for

a large majority of fires. Over \$17,000,000 worth of timber is destroyed by fires annually, it is estimated.

Principal points in the forester's program follow:

1. A special effort should be made to put to practical use all available statistics on fires, placing emphasis on nature, extent and appraisal of fire damages.

2. Weather bureaus in Washington, D. C.; Chicago, Denver and San Francisco will be requested to furnish a special weather report to forest officials in the regions covered by each bureau. This data will be studied to determine areas in which fires are likely to occur.

3. An appropriation will be requested for assigning meteorologists to the forest service and weather bureau to assist in fire hazard studies. It is recommmended that observation of lightning storms be undertaken in western districts.

4. Investigations are recommended determmine inflammability of forest growths with study of actual fires with reference to such points as rate of spread, general behavior and

5. Supervision of cutting in timber areas with relation to fire hazards.

Chicago Woman Held As a Bandit Queen



MISS EVA NIEMAN.

Vivian Robinson of Chicago is held by the police there as a bandit queen. She is alleged to have been the housekeeper, lookout and leader of a gang of male bandits who have been arrested there.

Farmer Now Knows It.

From the New York World. Representatives of the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Live Stock Producers' Association and the American Wheat-Growers' Association have addressed an open letter to "the President, the Congress and the people of the United States." It says that because of inadequate prices farmers were forced from their homes at the rate of 100,000 a month during 1923 and that "the process still is under way in all its cruelty."

These four associations are comprehensive of the farm industry and eminently qualified to speak for it. Their statement of prevailing conditions is not to be dismissed as highly exaggerated.

Disturbing as that must be to the country, however, even more disturbing to the party responsible for the Fordney-McCumber tariff legislation must be the statement of causes which follows. "A disordered world emerging from war," it is said, "proves unable to absorb the surplus production of our farms." But "manmade barriers across channels of international trade" have aggravated the trouble, and "an elaborate structure of economic protection is provided for industry and labor but does

not reach the farmer." What this means in other words is that, in affecting to embrace the farmer in its protective arms, the Republican Fordney-McCumber tariff is a pretentious fraud, and the American farmer now knows it. The bearing of this fact upon the coming Presidential contest is certain to be profound and may prove to be de-

He Fell. From Tid-Bits London.

In her own crisp dialect the Lancashire housemaid explained to her sympathizing neighbor what happened when the canvasser called. "First 'e knocked at t' door," she said. "Then 'e taiked an' talked until I was tempted—"
"Dear me," interposed the other.
"an' ye fell for him!" "Sweet mercy, nay!" answered the other, shaking her fist. "Twas 'e that

A New York architect has invented an automatic apparatus which switches on an electric light, sounds an alarm and turns on oxygen for a person ac-cidentally locked in a barb vault. Love.

Anonymous. Love is the magic which makes a woman work 24 hours a day for rather poor board and just sufficient clothes to keep her from being arrested.

Love paralyzes her intelligence to the extent that she will believe excuses and stories that an innocent child would listen to only with its tongue in its cheek. Love throws a glamor over some

poor worm and disguises him as a young god.

Love causes a woman to pity all the rest of womankind because there is only one of these gods to be possesed.

Len Small Victory. From the Milwaukee Journal. Men and women in Illinois are not thinking of whether Coolidge or Johnson carried the presidential primary, but of the low estate of government when Len Small can be renominated for governor. It isn't easy to say how bad a governor Small has been. For weeks and months newspapers in Chicago and all over Illinois have printed categorical charges against him by the score, any one of which ought to have made his candidacy impossible. Throughout the country Small's name has become synonymous with abuse of government. A Chicago newspaper, not given to politics, declared the other day: "Amazing though it seems, Small is as black as he is painted."

Yet Illinois republicans have re-nominated Len Small. They have rejected a candidate whose record was good, who was strongly supported by earnest citizens who thought the issue of redeeming Illinois para-mount, and supported also by many politicians who feared that if Small should win, their party would lose

the election.

The only explanation of such vote is that the republicans of Illinois have not had faith in forces which were opposing Small. Some of them have openly said: "Small is pretty bad, but how can you believe in a candidate sponsored by organizations which have played politics, newspapers which have based their national policies on the political fortunes of Senator Medili McCormick, would-be leaders who, though they have not done such things as are charged against Small, have not kept their own hands clean and their purposes clear of the use of the people's government for individual profit and advantage?"

In the result in Illinois is a new warning of the real danger to the nation. People are losing faith in their government, they are asking whether anyone may be believed. The need is emphasized tenfold of a cleaning out, not merely of a few who may be shown to have grafted openly, but of the whole crowd that has become bolder and bolder in their use of government for private privilege.

The "Plodding Plowman."

From the Toronto Globe. Memorizing the exact language of a play or a poem is not easy for some people, though remembering the ense comes without trouble. There is some excuse for confusion over some lines, and an extreme instance is the classic opening of "Gray's Elegy," "The plowman homeward "The plowman homeward plods his weary way."

Someone has rescued from Notes and Queries of seventy years ago the contribution of a correspondent who presented eleven different forms for the line, besides the correct one, in which the words are used in different orders without injury to the rhyme or sense. It is probable that no other line in the language could be so turned around without altering the original meaning. Here

are the changes: The weary plowman plods his homeward way. The weary plowman homeward

plods his way. The plowman, weary, plods his homeward way. The plowman, weary, homeward

Weary the plowman plods his homeward way. Weary the plowman homeward

Homeward the plowman plods his weary way. Homeward the prowman, weary, plods his way. Homeward the weary plowman

plods his way. The homeward plowman, weary, plods his way. The homeward plowman plods his

weary way.

Turn About.

From the Washington Star. "Real ladies now attend prize fights,"

emarked Mr. Meekton.
"Of course," answered his wife.
"Well, Henrietta, times have changed and I make no protest. But any afterand I make no protest. But any after-moon you go to a prize fight I'll get myself a box of chocolates and a lace handkerchief and cry my eyes out at some matinee where they're showing the sorrows of a neglected husband."

Beat Sending Her to Jail.

From the Nation's Business. A salesgirl in a department store was caught stealing. The superintendent confronted her with the evidence and asked her to sign a confession. After she had done so, he sealed the confession in an envelope and put his own name on it.

"This goes into a strong-box," he said, "and nobody but you and I will ever know about it-provided you do what I ask. First, I want your promise never to do it again and then I want to know just why you thought you must have more money." She told her story. There was sickness at home and her need for money was not because of mere craving for luxuries. The superintendent her invalid sister to a hospital at the store's expense.

That was nine years ago, and the salesgirl is today not only one of the store's valuable employees, but one of the most loyal. The little envelope has been burned long ago.

Can Carry It Too Far.

From the Washington Star. "'Rastus Pinkley got into de hosoital by bein' too cautious," said Uncle Eben. "He wouldn't shoot craps wifout usin' loaded dice."

Sleuth Didn't Sniff Much. The stranger hung around one car so persistently that the yardmaster became uneasy and sent for the brake-

"Anything queer in that car, buddy?" "Not a thing," was the answer.
"There's a sleuth sniffing around."
"I saw him. Let him sniff. That's a car of Texas onions."

TODAY

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

The world goes along quietly for a while, then suddenly everything whirls around like the changes in

the kaleidoscope. The king of Denmark has just requested a socialist labor leader, T. Stauning, to form a new cabinet.

In England, George, cousin of the Danish king, has a labor leader running his cabinet. You know the kind of lively administration they have off in north

And down to the southeast in Italy, they have a powerful man with an iron jaw, Mussolini, running both king and the country, knocking socialism and union labor on the

The House committee on island affairs proposes to give the Philippines their freedom—government by themselves, ownership and control of their country in 1950-26 years hence. Many things will happen between now and 1950, so let it go at that, liberty in 26 years.

But whoever in that congressional committee imagines that a nation three quarters barbarous, 30 per cent. steeped in deepest superstition can get mentally in shape to govern itself in 26 years, doesn't know much about

the slow process of civilization.

The kind of people that live in this country have been trying to govern themselves for 2,000 years. And look at us now with our oil scandal, and a government in which. a few, keen and prosperous, let little-people know what they may or may not do.

If you think it takes only a short time to learn self government yourself, look at Egypt. The British empire recently said to the Egyptians. "go ahead and govern yourselves."
A careful observer reports that Egypt is going down hill, toward the old listless poverty and shiftlessness with frightful rapidity. Cairo streets are dirty, hotels are closing, the natives express their patriotism by insulting foreigners that come to spend money. Self government is not so easily learned.

This is a world of mysteries. Wesend messages by electricity, and we-don't know what electricity is—only what it does. We send radio musicand messages through the air without wires and say it goes through the "ether." We don't know what the ether is, and cannot even prove that

Now Dr. Banting, a brilliant young scientist who discovered insulin, the cure for diabetes, says that having discovered it, he is doing his very best now to find out what it is. One thing is sure, it is an expensive

product.
Pure insulin, enough to make a nice little pile on a 25 cent piece, would cost \$500,000.

In our home politics, the important question is: What will Mr. Mellon, secretary of the treasury do? This country its finances needs his knowledge, skill and determination.

President Harding made mistakes. Very likely the angels do sometimes. But he made up for several of them in securing for secretary of the treasury a man as able as Mr. Mellon. It would be a bad thing for this

country, for those that have money, and for the workers that are trying to get it, Mr. Mellon should bedriven out by unjust criticism. Fortunately, he is an individual

not inclined to quit. Delegations of workmen from a Standard Oil plant in New Jersey calling on John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

inviting him to dine, find him laid

up with a cold. Many great doctors in Europe would say to Mr. Rockefeller under such conditions, "take good red wine with your meals every day. Drink it very much diluted with water during the meal, then take one glass of good Bordeaux or Burgundy afterwards. Thus you will build up new red blood, supply your system with fron and tannin and gain strength

rapidly." However, over here, we know that that is heresay and that you should look for iron, tannin and good red blood in the ice water pitcher.

Here's a small piece of news. rather cheerful amid the gloom. It is one of the little chapters in man's fight against the only enemy that he really has-old nature. Out in the ocean, off Cape Race,

mile long, towering 100 feet in the air. To bump it would mean destruction to any ship. In old days men would have said "let us pray that no unfortunate ship

is a gigantic iceberg, more than a

Praying is good, especially when accompanied by deeds. Now this government sends the revenue cutter Modoc, to trail along beside that iceberg as it moves slowly and majestically to its melting place near the equator. And as the big iceberg moves, the little cutter broadcasts warnings, telling ships to keep away. That's a sign of civilization.

will strike that fearful iceberg."

The giving up of control by Egypt. the home rule agitation in India and the strong pacifist nature of the labor government are worrying Englishmen. And some of them are beginning to talk about "the breaking up of the British empire." It may break up soon, it must

labor party, led by a really intelligent man, ought not to be responsible for the smashup. England is a place in which intelligent men can live comfortably, it is

break up sometime, of course. The

Ramsay MacDonald knows that if because Englishmen through ages have been ready and able to fight. The fighting days have not gone by.

Costly Visits.

From Pearson's Weekly. "So Clara threw over that young doctor she was going with?"
"Yes, and what do you think? He not but sent her a bill for 47 visits.'

Hortikultur.

From Life.

Mrs. Newlywed (to patient husband who has been planting the flower bed)

John, dear, you'll have to dig up that
pappy seed you planted this morning.
I've decided to have the poppies on the
other side of the garden.